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STEWARDSHIP IS THE ACT OF TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND DOING SOMETHING TO RESTORE OR PROTECT THAT WELL-BEING.

SASKATCHEWAN WETLAND
CONSERVATION CORPORATION

Corporate Mission

To lead and coordinate the province's conservation initiatives to ensure the sustainability and biodiversity of the prairie environment for people and wildlife.

Corporate Profile

The Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation (SWCC) delivers native prairie, riparian and wetland conservation programs in Saskatchewan. SWCC is a Treasury Board Crown reporting to a Board of Directors under the direction of the Minister responsible for SWCC. The Corporation is responsible for coordinating North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) activities in the province. The NAWMP is a tripartite agreement among Canada, the United States and Mexico to restore waterfowl populations to the level of the 1970s.

SWCC is guided by a board of directors that includes representation from a broad partnership of provincial and national wildlife habitat conservation and land-use agencies. Through this partnership, the Corporation links agriculture, industry and wildlife interests to land-use programming in Saskatchewan.

The Corporation works primarily with landowners in Saskatchewan's agricultural zone, coordinating activities relating to wetland, riparian, native prairie habitat and international programs.

SWCC Organizational Chart

Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2000

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GENERAL COSTS

Supplier payments and Commitments which total $20,000 or more:		
Ducks Unlimited Canada	$	30,632
Faer, Hudson	$	48,780
Pruden, Clayton	$	21,454
Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation	$	90,446
Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation	$	40,708
University of Montana	$	51,690
Vicom Media Saskatchewan	$	30,138
Wascana Property Management Ltd	$	22,733
Western Litho	$	21,777
Supplier Payments and Commitments under $20,000	$	365,997
Total Payments and Commitments to Suppliers	**$**	**724,355**
Payments and Commitments to Delivering Agents which total $5,000 or more:		
Amigos de Sian Ka'an	$	5,000
Anderson, Rick	$	6,000
Berns, Brian, and Sharp, James	$	5,065
CAP Solar Pumps Ltd	$	10,216
Claiter, Al	$	14,279
DeCorby, Jean	$	18,990
Ducks Unlimited Canada	$	75,980
Feduk, Morris	$	5,174
Gilbert, Ronald & Leanne	$	5,650
Gresiuk, Orest	$	6,875
Halyk, Brian	$	9,500
Hanbidge, Bruce	$	7,500
Hrebeniuk, David	$	6,500
International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	$	30,448
Jones, Gary	$	5,000
Kopelchuk, Jim & Richard	$	14,230
Manahan, Ward	$	7,375
McNabb Ranch Ltd	$	33,115
Meyer, Daryll	$	10,250
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	$	8,000
Notekue Wildlife Federation	$	20,000
Olynyk, Ivan	$	12,215
Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin	$	8,000
Pheasants Forever Inc.	$	5,115
Peirce, Kent	$	6,000
PreFontaine, Ray	$	5,500
Ruetz, Greg	$	13,438
Sagan, Ed	$	8,654
Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (PCAP)	$	40,538
Weinbender, Carey	$	7,225
Payments and Commitments under $5,000 to Delivering Agents	$	130,543
Total Payments and Commitments to Delivering Agents	**$**	**542,376**

Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2000

EMPLOYEE COSTS

Salaries and taxable benefits which total $2,500 or more

Buchan, Brad	$	6,544
Buraczewski, Jennifer	$	21,710
Burnett, Kari	$	3,621
Carles, Robert	$	83,712
Chanig, Tracy	$	19,897
Cumming, Enid	$	7,697
Davis, Stephen	$	54,998
Demoskoff, Gordon	$	65,585
Griffin, Glen	$	7,616
Hall, Lesley	$	14,281
Harrison, Thomas	$	49,876
Harrison, Tracy	$	28,961
Hecker, Kerry	$	25,361
Jacks, Johanna	$	23,917
Jackson, Barry	$	13,745
Jackson, Christine	$	12,776
Kaufman, Jody	$	30,348
Kendell, Kristen	$	10,016
Kessler, Ken	$	5,994
Klippenstine, Dwight	$	4,756
Korol, Burke	$	9,488
Lau, Tony	$	8,338
Loucks, Kendra	$	11,409
MacDonald, David	$	6,662
Matthies, Nolan	$	31,464
McKay, Linda	$	60,323
McMaster, Glen	$	35,880
Metz, Sharon	$	55,155
Morissette, Julienne	$	15,677
Murton, Penny	$	7,953
Nguyen, Tracey	$	9,903
Nystrom, Lesley	$	5,390
Perreaux, Danielle	$	2,584
Phillips, Carol	$	32,714
Ratch, Rachel	$	24,086
Riemer, Greg	$	62,713
Rodenbush, Sharon	$	39,967
Sawatzky, Daniel	$	18,924
Spiewak, Erin	$	6,757
Strauss, Lowell	$	23,635
Warbeck, Robert	$	6,024
Salaries and taxable benefits under $2,500	$	2,915
Total Salaries and taxable benefits	$	969,372
Employee Benefits	$	96,502
Employee Travel and Other Costs	$	94,002
Total Employee Costs	**$**	**1,159,876**
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$**	**2,426,607**

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Letter of Transmittal

Regina, Saskatchewan

The Honourable
Linda Haverstock
Lieutenant Governor of
Saskatchewan

Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report of the Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation for the period ending March 31, 2000, including a financial statement for the year duly certified by the Corporation's auditor, in a form approved by Treasury Board, all in accordance with The Crown Corporations Act, 1993.

Respectfully submitted,

Buckley Belanger,
Minister Responsible for the
Saskatchewan Wetland
Conservation Corporation

Chairman's Address

Over the past decade, the Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation has worked with a broad network of partners in Canada and internationally to conserve and enhance wetland, riparian and native prairie areas. At the local level, partnerships with landowners have enabled the Corporation to play a significant role in encouraging the adoption of management options which promote sustainable use of resources (in a landscape which has been dramatically altered since the days of European settlement). In its interactions with clients, the Corporation is guided by a stewardship methodology which integrates agriculture, wildlife and economic interests which reflect profitability margins of individual operations. We are confident that stewardship initiatives provide a more balanced, adaptive approach to restoring biodiversity on the Saskatchewan prairies, and ensure that the mark our generation leaves on the landscape does not compromise the requirements of future generations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Directors for their work on behalf of the Corporation, and look forward to working with new and returning members in the year ahead.

Robert Ruggles
Chairman of the Board

Robert Ruggles (left)
Bob Carles (right)

General Manager's Address

During the past year, we have achieved a number of our goals in conserving and creating habitat in the agricultural belt of Saskatchewan. Landowners have made our stewardship programs particularly rewarding with approximately 350 landowners representing 150,000 acres enrolled in the Native Prairie Stewardship Program, and a similar number of landowners participating in the Streambank Stewardship Program. This year we targeted part of our programming efforts in five watersheds in southern Saskatchewan as well as the Missouri Coteau region. Our waterfowl and grassland bird monitoring and evaluation programs continue to assist us in developing and adapting programs, and our education and awareness programs have provided an opportunity for landowners to discuss their operations with a wider audience. We have also been fortunate in being able to provide assistance to organizations in Latin America for community based conservation projects.

I extend my gratitude to our landowner stewards for their commitment to conservation efforts; to the organizations and agencies who have assisted us in program delivery; and to our funding partners in Canada and the United States who have been instrumental in helping us reach our goals. I look forward to working with my staff and our partners in the year ahead.

Bob Carles
General Manager

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Dennis Van Der Haegen, Dr. Jim Jowsey, Gloria Parisien, Solomon Carriere, Don Taylor, Art Martell
Front Row (Left to Right)
Gary Garrioch, Joyce Lorenz, Bob Ruggles, Bob Carles, Betty Collins
Missing: Dennis Sherratt, Trevor Swerdfager, Merv Hey, Gerry Lucash

SWCC Board of Directors

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Dennis Sherratt, Vice-Chair representing Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management
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Dennis Van Der Haegen, Member representing Saskatchewan Wheat Pool
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Trevor Swerdfager, Member representing Canadian Wildlife Service
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Gloria Parisien, Member representing Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food
Dr. Jim Jowsey, Member representing Nature Saskatchewan
Merv Hey, Member-at-Large
Joyce Lorenz, Member representing Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation

SWCC Staff

As of March 31 2000

Bob Carles, General Manager
Jennifer Buraczewski, Biogeographer
Stephen Davis, Manager - Biological Services
Gord Demoskoff, Manager - Program Development
Lesley Hall, Native Prairie Stewardship Coordinator
Tom Harrison, Rangeland Specialist / Streambank Stewardship Coordinator
Tracy Harrison, Communications Specialist
Kerry Hecker, Ecologist
Jody Kaufman, Range Biologist
Bob McFarlane, Conservation Programs Biologist
Linda McKay, Manager, Financial & Human Services
Dr. Glen McMaster, Avian Ecologist
Sharon Metz, Manager - Marketing and Communications
Carol Phillips, Office Administrator
Rachel Ratch, Accountant
Greg Riemer, Manager - Agricultural Services
Sharon Rodenbush, Coordinator - International Programs
Lowell Strauss, Landscape Ecologist

Committee Members

Jim Jowsey
Merv Hey
Dale Hjertaas (SERM Observer)

Les Cooke Bob Ruggles
Betty Collins
Gary Garrioch
Trevor Swerdfager

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Biological Committee

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Merv Hey
Dale Hjertaas (SERM Observer)

Finance and Audit Committee

Les Cooke/Bob Ruggles
Betty Collins
Gary Garrioch
Trevor Swerdfager

Marketing and Communications

Betty Collins
Rick Bates (Observer)
Joyce Lorenz

Lands Committee

Gloria Parisien
Dennis Sherratt
Gary Garrioch
Don Taylor

99~2000 Accomplishments

Corporate Goals

The Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation continues to fulfill its unique role as program delivery agent and partner with an expanding network of conservation-minded agencies and organizations. It operates under a broad-based, long-term strategy to develop a common meeting ground where agriculture and conservation interests can work together for a mutual benefit.

Partnerships with individual landowners and local and international organizations are the driving force behind the Corporation's conservation initiatives. By working together much more can be accomplished in terms of habitat conservation, program funding and public education than by working independently.

Our goals for 1999/2000 reflect this strategy:

- To encourage a positive working relationship between the environmental and agricultural community.
- To continue to develop soil, water, and land stewardship programs that benefit people and wildlife.
- To ensure that the Corporation's programs are built on a sound biological foundation.

These goals are accomplished under three guiding principles:

- Encourage sustainable land use practices which provide benefits to wildlife and society.
- Identify and establish effective partnerships that encourage sustainable development.
- Conduct conservation activities with a respect for the land and the people and agencies that own the land.

prairie shores

Goals

- To secure critical wetland and upland habitat for shorebirds, waterfowl, grassland and colonial waterbirds.

- To establish stewardship initiatives in native prairie and riparian projects that encourage landowners to adopt management practices which conserve wildlife habitat for future generations.

Objectives	Results
To improve breeding bird habitat by converting marginal crop land to forage based agriculture.	The Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation initiated a Cropland Conversion program in 1996 and has since formed partnerships with Ducks Unlimited Canada and Pheasants Forever to assist in program delivery. To date 70 landowners have agreed to convert 13,000 cultivated acres to pasture and hay. The Missouri Coteau of south central Saskatchewan was selected as a priority area for this program because of its high wetland and grassland densities. The area is critical to breeding populations of Northern Pintail and other grassland birds.
To evaluate prairie habitat for grassland birds.	A study to determine the relationship of native prairie and grassland birds was initiated by the Corporation to find out what size of native pasture is required by grassland birds and what effect native prairie fragmentation has on productivity of grassland bird populations. The Corporation also began to examine nest productivity of birds in the Missouri Coteau area. Researchers are looking at the influence of haying and surrounding land-use on nest productivity. In the future this study will help researchers and land managers identify areas which provide maximum habitat benefits.
To secure and enhance upland and wetland habitats.	The Corporation secured 4,000 acres of native prairie and 2,500 acres of critical wetlands, as well as established managed grazing systems on pastures to improve grassland habitat. The Corporation completed grazing systems at Chaplin Lake, the RM of Elfros, the east shore of Big Quill Lake and Fairy Hill in the Qu'Appelle Valley. Based on the Piping Plover surveys, work was initiated on evaluating habitat and fence construction to secure Piping Plover habitat on mud flats in the Quill Lakes.
To secure lands that are classified as critical habitat for wildlife.	The Critical Habitat Program completed its first round of identifying high priority long-term vacant Crown lands in the Missouri Coteau. Of the Crown land parcels (with >10% native cover) associated with an Important Bird Area, endangered species breeding location, or Wildlife Development Fund land, five were found to have no reservations associated with them; 417 parcels had reservations other than wildlife reservations placed on them.

Prairie Shores is the Corporation's flagship program under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. It is a program that benefits breeding waterfowl and also provides direct benefits to threatened and endangered species, shorebirds, grassland songbirds and colonial waterbirds. It encourages sustainable land use that benefits both wildlife and the people that use the land.

Partner Appreciation

Contributions from the Government of Saskatchewan and the Canadian Wildlife Service are used to fund core operations of the Corporation. It raises additional funding through innovative partnerships in the private and public sectors in Canada and the United States enabling the Corporation to create successful wetland and land management programs that integrate interests of the agricultural, environmental and wildlife communities. For every dollar SWCC raises for the Prairie Shores' North American Waterfowl Management Plan program an additional $2.00 is raised by SWCC for stewardship projects in Saskatchewan including the Shelterbelt Stewardship Program and the Native Prairie Stewardship Program.

99-2000 Accomplishments

- Converted 13,000 acres of cropland to pasture and hay thus providing increased amounts of waterfowl and grassland bird habitat.
- Acquired and improved 28,000 acres of native grassland and wetland habitat around the Quill Lakes.
- Undertook enhancement work such as rotational and deferred grazing systems and remote livestock watering on five watersheds in southern Saskatchewan as well as the Missouri Coteau.
- Signed 136 native prairie stewardship agreements representing 50,000 acres for a total of 350 stewards and 150,000 acres in the program.
- Signed five conservation easements with landowners to protect native prairie.
- Developed 35 demonstration projects and four workshops and field tours of watershed enhancement projects.
- Completed the first year of a two year study with the Institute for Wetland and Waterfowl Research (IWWR) on the non-game and waterfowl benefits of the hay option of SWCC/DU's cropland conversion program.
- Located and monitored over 300 grassland bird nests (1144 over three years) as part of a study to determine the effects of native habitat fragmentation on grassland birds.
- Completed draft proposal and concept framework for Missouri Coteau Grassland Initiative as part of a first-step project under the North American Bird Conservation Initiative.
- Supported 12 community-based projects in Latin America through the Trans America Migratory Bird Fund to help sustain neotropical migratory bird populations in the Americas.
- Promoted sustainable ecotourism as a cost effective means to attain long-term conservation in key shorebird sites through collaborative efforts among site managers in Mexico, United States and Canada.
- Assisted the Morse Tourism Committee with the development of a visitor viewing area on the north shore of Reed Lake and the design of a sign depicting some of the more common birds of the lake.
- Completed bird prioritization project for SERM's commitment to the General Status of Wild Species in Canada.
- Developed a landowner's guide, "Managing Saskatchewan Wetlands", and a 30 minute riparian video showcasing landowner operations in Saskatchewan.

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TO IMPROVE BREEDING BIRD HABITAT BY CONVERTING MARGINAL CROP LAND TO FORAGE BASED AGRICULTURE.	The Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation initiated a program in 1986 and has now formed partnerships with Ducks Unlimited Canada and Nature Saskatchewan to assist in program delivery. To date 70 landowners have agreed to convert 12,000 cultivated acres to pasture and hay. The Missouri Coteau of south central Saskatchewan was selected as a priority area for this program because of its high wetland and grassland densities. This area is critical to breeding populations of Northern Pintail and other grassland birds.
TO EVALUATE PRAIRIE HABITAT FOR GRASSLAND BIRDS.	A study to determine the relationship of native prairie and grassland birds was initiated by the Corporation to find out what size of native pasture is required by grassland birds and what effect habitat/prairie fragmentation has on productivity of grassland bird populations. The Corporation also began to examine nest productivity of birds in the Missouri Coteau area. Researchers are looking at the influence of haying and surrounding land-use on nest productivity. It is hoped this study will help researchers and land managers identify areas which provide maximum habitat benefits.
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TO SECURE LANDS THAT ARE CLASSIFIED AS CRITICAL HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE.	The Critical Habitat Program completed its first round of identifying high priority long-term vacant Crown lands in the Missouri Coteau. Of the Crown land parcels (with >10% native cover) associated with an Important Bird Area, endangered species breeding location or Wildlife Development Fund land, five were found to have no reservations associated with them; 417 parcels had reservations other than wildlife reservations placed on them.

PARTNER APPRECIATION

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN AND THE CANADIAN WILDLIFE SERVICE ARE USED TO FUND CORE OPERATIONS OF THE CORPORATION. IT RAISES ADDITIONAL FUNDING THROUGH INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES ENABLING THE CORPORATION TO CREATE SUCCESSFUL WETLAND AND LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS THAT INTEGRATE INTERESTS OF THE AGRICULTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND WILDLIFE COMMUNITIES. FOR EVERY DOLLAR SWCC RAISES FOR THE PRAIRIE SHORES' NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRAM AN ADDITIONAL $2.00 IS RAISED BY SWCC FOR STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS IN SASKATCHEWAN INCLUDING THE STREAMBANK STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM AND THE NATIVE PRAIRIE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.

THROUGH PRAIRIE SHORES, THE SASKATCHEWAN WETLAND CONSERVATION CORPORATION HAS ACQUIRED AND IMPROVED THE HABITAT QUALITY OF 28,000 ACRES OF NATIVE GRASSLAND AND WETLANDS AROUND THE QUILL LAKES INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES OF SHORELINE ALONG BIG QUILL LAKE. CROWN LAND TRANSFER AND LAND PURCHASES HAVE SECURED ONE OF THE LARGEST NAWMP HABITAT PROJECTS IN PERPETUITY.

SUMMER FIELD STAFF SEARCH FOR GRASSLAND BIRD NESTS BY USING A ROPE DRAG TO FLUSH INCUBATING FEMALES FROM THEIR NESTS.

prairie shores

Dr. Glen McMaster, an avian ecologist with the Corporation, listens for singing grassland birds in a hayfield northwest of Morse, Saskatchewan. Song surveys enable researchers to compare bird abundance between sites and habitats.

Future Direction

- SWCC's award winning stewardship programs will be integrated more closely with NAWMP Prairie Shores activities.
- The Corporation will continue to work to secure and enhance land around tne Quill Lakes.
- The effectiveness of management regimes will continue to be monitored and adjusted as required.
- SWCC will initiate a shorebird monitoring program in the Missouri Coteau to assist in determining population trends and filling in knowledge gaps regarding migration ecology to determine where these birds are wintering.
- SWCC will initiate a habitat monitoring program on existing project sites within the Missouri Coteau.

Partner Appreciation

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PROTECTING SHORELINE HABITAT IS ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE PRAIRIE SHORES PROGRAM. (BELOW) AMERICAN AVOCETS AT CHAPLIN LAKE SHOW OFF THEIR COLOURS TO VISITORS.

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international

Goal

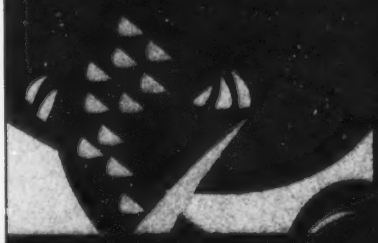
• To enhance the capacity of local communities by supporting their long-term conservation actions that provide them with economic, social and environmental benefits, and help sustain populations of neotropical migratory birds in the America

Objectives	Results
To support at least twelve projects that include sustainable land management, bird research and/or community awareness and education in communities where migratory birds visit.	Sustainable land management projects included organic farming, ecotourism development and habitat conservation in communities within Mexico and Argentina. Research projects involved isotopic analysis of boreal forest songbirds in Mexico, Costa Rica and Venezuela, burrowing owls in Mexico and the banding of sanderlings in Chile and Saskatchewan. Community awareness, conservation education and training are fundamental to all projects.
To develop partnerships with agricultural and conservation agencies, governments, communities and indigenous groups through program delivery that provides social, economic and environmental benefits to communities.	More than 60 partnerships have been formed in the delivery of TAMBF conservation actions resulting in proven social, economic and environmental benefits in areas where work is conducted.

Future Direction

- **SWCC will expand its international conservation programming, particularly in the area of sustainable tourism, through the development of new partnerships under a North American guide exchange program. The program will include ecotourism sites in Saskatchewan, the United States and Mexico, with involvement of indigenous groups a strong component of the program. Support will continue for new projects that help conserve wintering habitat of migratory birds that spend their summers in Canada.**

Projects funded under the TransAmerica Migratory Bird Fund



streambank stewardship

GOAL

• To increase the awareness of the importance, value, and function of riparian ecosystems. To accomplish this goal the Corporation has implemented a comprehensive approach to encourage stewardship of riparian areas. Programs are targeted at landowners, government agencies and other interested organizations.

OBJECTIVES	RESULTS
TO PROVIDE PROGRAM SUPPORT THROUGH EXTENSION AND COMMUNICATIONS MATERIALS	Since the majority of riparian areas are managed by private landowners, the Corporation developed a number of extension materials and programs to help farmers make informed decisions on riparian land management. Six thousand copies of "Streambank Stewardship - A Saskatchewan Riparian Project" guide and a series of five fact sheets were published and distributed. This information was also posted on SWCC's website. To acknowledge the value of partnerships with landowners, watershed groups and funders alike, the Corporation adopted the following word marks - "You've Made a Difference" and Landowner Stewardship - " Good for Agriculture - Good for Wildlife" for advertisements which highlight program accomplishments. To strengthen the connection with communities, the Corporation published the success stories of local Streambank Stewards in the rural press. Cooperator projects were also featured on displays at provincial and regional agricultural trade shows.
TO PROVIDE TRAINING SESSIONS AND INFORMATION FOR EXTENSION STAFF.	Staff made over 20 presentations focusing on riparian health to government and non-government organizations interested in watershed management. Some of these included Native Prairie Appreciation Week (Prairie Conservation Action Plan), in the Cypress Hills, The Society For Range Management Youth Camp in the Saskatoon area and Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin Annual Meeting and Conference in Edmonton, Alberta. Cooperators were also invited to present at workshops. Employees of agencies that work with ranchers and farmers on a regular basis were provided with two training sessions on assessing riparian health and managing riparian areas. Approximately 90 individuals from 10 different agencies received instruction from Dr. Bob Erhart and Dr. Paul Hansen, both from the University of Montana's Riparian and Wetland Research Program. A Community Classification Guide of riparian areas in the prairie ecoregion of Saskatchewan is in development. Publication of the document along with a pocket handbook is expected by fall of 2000.

The Streambank Stewardship Program is relatively new in Saskatchewan and is focused mainly on watersheds in the southern half of the province. Arm River, Last Mountain Lake, Bone Creek/Swift Current Creek, Long Creek, Crescent Creek, Whitesand River and Wood River, Missouri Coteau. Streambank, or riparian areas, are the narrow strips of land scattered through the prairie landscape, located along streams, lakes, potholes, springs, coulees or wooded draws. Maintaining a healthy riparian zone has many benefits including improved water quality, more ground water reserves, maximum forage production for livestock, optimal habitat for fish and aquatic life, habitat cover for wildlife, and sources of highly scenic areas within the landscape.

TransAmerica Migratory Bird Fund (TAMBF)

Goal

- To enhance the capacity of local communities by supporting their long-term conservation actions that provide them with economic, social and environmental benefits, and help sustain populations of neotropical migratory birds in the America

Objectives

To support at least twelve projects that include sustainable land management, bird research and/or community awareness and education in communities where migratory birds visit.

To develop partnerships with agricultural and conservation agencies, governments, communities and indigenous groups through program delivery that provides social, economic and environmental benefits to communities.

Results

Sustainable land management projects included organic farming, ecotourism development and habitat conservation in communities across Mexico and Argentina.

Research projects focused on stable isotope analysis of boreal forest songbirds in Mexico, Costa Rica and Venezuela, banding study in Mexico and the banding of sanderlings in Chile and Saskatchewan.

Community awareness, conservation education and training activities were fundamental to all projects.

More than 60 partnerships have been formed in the delivery of TAMBF conservation actions resulting in growth social, economic and environmental benefits in areas where work is conducted.

Future Direction

- SWCC will expand its international conservation programming, particularly in the area of sustainable tourism, through the development of new partnerships under a North American guide exchange program. The program will include ecotourism sites in Saskatchewan, the United States and Mexico, with involvement of indigenous groups a strong component of the program. Support will continue for new projects that help conserve wintering habitat of migratory birds that spend their summers in Canada.

Partner Appreciation

SWCC gratefully acknowledges the continued support of TransCanada PipeLines and welcomes the Canadian Embassy in Mexico as a new sponsor in TAMBF delivery. SWCC is proud to be collaborating with over 60 organizations and community groups through delivery of TAMBF projects.

Projects funded under the TransAmerica Migratory Bird Fund

- Social Conservation of Habitat for Resident and Migratory Birds, Morelos, Mexico
- Burrowing owl research, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Mexico
- Environmental education in 10 western states, Mexico
- Banding and research of sanderlings, Chile and Saskatchewan
- Development of Beyond Borders, Shorebirds of the Western Hemisphere book/poster
- Coastal Habitat Management for Bird Conservation, Quintana Roo, Mexico
- Conservation Coffee from the Cloud Forests, Chiapas, Mexico
- Linking Communities, Wetlands and Migratory Birds, Nayarit, Mexico
- Isotopic analysis of boreal forest songbirds in Mexico, Costa Rica, Venezuela
- Shorebird Ecology and Conservation Workshop, Saskatchewan
- Sierra Gorda Bird Conservation, Queretero, Mexico
- Sali-Dulce River Basin Wintering Migratory Bird Management Plan, Argentina
- Coffee: Brewing Controversy, Songbirds in coffee plantations of Mexico and Central America.

The Streambank Stewardship Program is relatively new in Saskatchewan and is focused mainly on watersheds in the southern half of the province- Arm River/Last Mountain Lake, Bone Creek/Swift Current Creek, Long Creek, Crescent Creek, Whitesand River and Wood River/Missouri Coteau. Streambank, or riparian areas, are the narrow strips of land scattered through the prairie landscape, located along streams, lakes, potholes, springs, coulees or wooded draws. Maintaining a healthy riparian zone has many benefits including improved water quality, more ground water reserves, maximum forage production for livestock, optimal habitat for fish and aquatic life, habitat oases for wildlife, and sources of highly scenic areas within the landscape.

GOAL

• To increase the awareness of the importance, value, and function of riparian ecosystems. To accomplish this goal the Corporation has implemented a comprehensive approach to encourage stewardship of riparian areas. Programs are targeted at landowners, government agencies and other interested organizations.

OBJECTIVES	RESULTS
TO PROVIDE PROGRAM SUPPORT THROUGH EXTENSION AND COMMUNICATIONS MATERIALS	Since the majority of riparian areas are managed by private landowners, the Corporation developed a number of extension materials and programs to help farmers make informed decisions on riparian land management. Six thousand copies of "Streambank Stewardship - A Saskatchewan Riparian Project" guide and a series of five fact sheets were published and distributed. This information was also posted on SWCC's website. To acknowledge the value of partnerships with landowners, watershed groups and funders alike, the Corporation adopted the following word marks - "You've Made a Difference" and Landowner Stewardship - " Good for Agriculture - Good for Wildlife" for advertisements which highlight program accomplishments. To strengthen the connection with communities, the Corporation published the success stories of local Streambank Stewards in the rural press. Cooperator projects were also featured on displays at provincial and regional agricultural trade shows.
TO PROVIDE TRAINING SESSIONS AND INFORMATION FOR EXTENSION STAFF.	Staff made over 20 presentations focusing on riparian health to government and non-government organizations interested in watershed management. Some of these included Native Prairie Appreciation Week (Prairie Conservation Action Plan), in the Cypress Hills, The Society For Range Management Youth Camp in the Saskatoon area and Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin Annual Meeting and Conference in Edmonton, Alberta. Cooperators were also invited to present at workshops. Employees of agencies that work with ranchers and farmers on a regular basis were provided with two training sessions on assessing riparian health and managing riparian areas. Approximately 90 individuals from 10 different agencies received instruction from Dr. Bob Erhart and Dr. Paul Hansen, both from the University of Montana's Riparian and Wetland Research Program. A Community Classification Guide of riparian areas in the prairie ecoregion of Saskatchewan is in development. Publication of the document along with a pocket handbook is expected by fall of 2000.

streambank stewardship

Objectives	Results
To provide workshops and demonstration sites for landowners	Four workshops were held for landowners during the year. At these workshops landowners discussed their management strategies and aspects of the program which were most beneficial to their operations. Through demonstration sites, more than 50 examples of how to properly manage riparian areas were developed in cooperation with local landowners. These included buffer strip seeding, tree planting, remote livestock watering, grazing and intensive livestock management.
To develop project monitoring systems	To ensure that demonstration projects are meeting program goals, surveys were conducted on riparian and native prairie condition. In general, most areas showed improvements in a reduction of exposed soil, increased abundance of plant litter, less grazing and browsing pressure and regeneration of woody species. In addition the Corporation made every effort to stay in contact with cooperating landowners to ensure a good working relationship.

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- Produce a publication "Community Classification and Management of Riparian Areas in Saskatchewan " for use by professionals working in the field.
- Expand the Ecological Volunteer Monitoring Program now delivered in partnership with the Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin to other watersheds to increase the awareness of riparian functions and water quality among stakeholders and the general public.
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For agricultural producers, riparian areas require special consideration in land-use planning. To assist landowners in managing riparian areas for benefits such as forage production, water quality and supply and erosion control, the Wetland Corporation organized a series of producer orientated workshops.

In 1999, Tours held in the Quill Lakes, Assiniboia, and Swift Current areas included participation by pasture managers, landowners and representatives of partner agencies. Landowners Raymond Prefontaine (Top Right Photo) and Warren Spagrud (Bottom Right Photo) discuss managing riparian and upland areas along Hay Meadow Creek near Lisieux in Southern Saskatchewan. In this tour, 27 people traveled by horseback to visit the demonstration site.

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Goals

- To educate and increase awareness of water quality issues and riparian functions among the general public.

Objectives

To train volunteers to evaluate water quality, riparian habitat and aquatic life in streams and rivers and recognize the early warning signs of pollution problems within the watershed.

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Results

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Future Direction

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  - expanding the number of watershed monitoring from 13 to 15 groups.
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native prairie stewardship

GOAL

• To identify and conserve the remaining native grassland in Saskatchewan, by raising awareness of the value of native prairie, and by promoting the management techniques that will sustain this resource for generations to come.

OBJECTIVES	RESULTS
TO PROVIDE HABITAT SECUREMENT THROUGH VOLUNTARY STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENTS, CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AND DONATIONS.	During the year, 136 new stewardship agreements were made on approximately 50,000 acres of prairie resulting in a total of 350 stewards representing 150,000 acres of conserved prairie. In addition four voluntary stewards have placed a total of 355 acres under conservation easements through the Nature Conservancy Canada.
TO INITIATE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS WITH LANDOWNERS.	Ten cooperative enhancement projects were initiated during the year including four with grazing management, three with brush management, two with exotic species control and one with restoration seeding. A brome control project near Radisson and a right-of-way restoration project near Rouleau were started last year and will continue into next year.
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In partnership with the Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation, Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin have developed a Volunteer Ecological Monitoring Program. To date 13 groups make up the monitoring program from the following watersheds: Beaver Creek, Bone Creek, Crescent Creek, Cumberland House, Eagle Creek, Good Spirit Lake, Jackfish/Marray Lake, Meadow Lake, Medicine Hat, The Pas/Carrot River, Redberry Lake, Swift Current Creek and Wakaw Lake.

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FUTURE DIRECTION

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north american waterfowl management plan

Goal

• To continue to restore waterfowl populations in North America by securing, enhancing and managing wetland and upland habitat across the country.

Objectives

To develop and maintain our working partnership with Ducks Unlimited to deliver the Prairie Care Program in Saskatchewan.

Results

Prairie Care

In 1999/2000 the Prairie Care program developed by Ducks Unlimited Canada secured 46,608 acres of new uplands and wetlands. Of this acreage 7,764 acres were purchased with the remainder secured under a combination of land management agreements and leases. Cropland conversion to forage and pasture was offered to landowners in NAWMP key program areas. The conversion to pasture program in the Southern Field Office was cost-shared with SWCC. Over 250 landowners participated in the program in Saskatchewan. A total of 19,638 acres were secured and enhanced in the convert to forage and pasture program.

Flushing bars were distributed to producers through the Saskatchewan Forage Council and directly to participants in the convert to forage program. The annual acreage affected by flushing bars throughout Saskatchewan increased to approximately 80,000. Continued evaluation and modifications on the flushing bars saw new materials and bars for self-propelled swathers initiated this past year.

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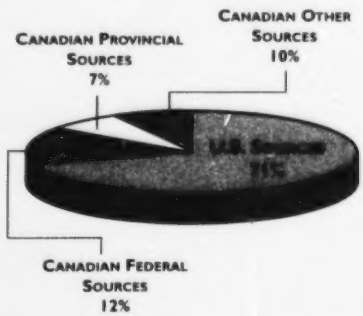
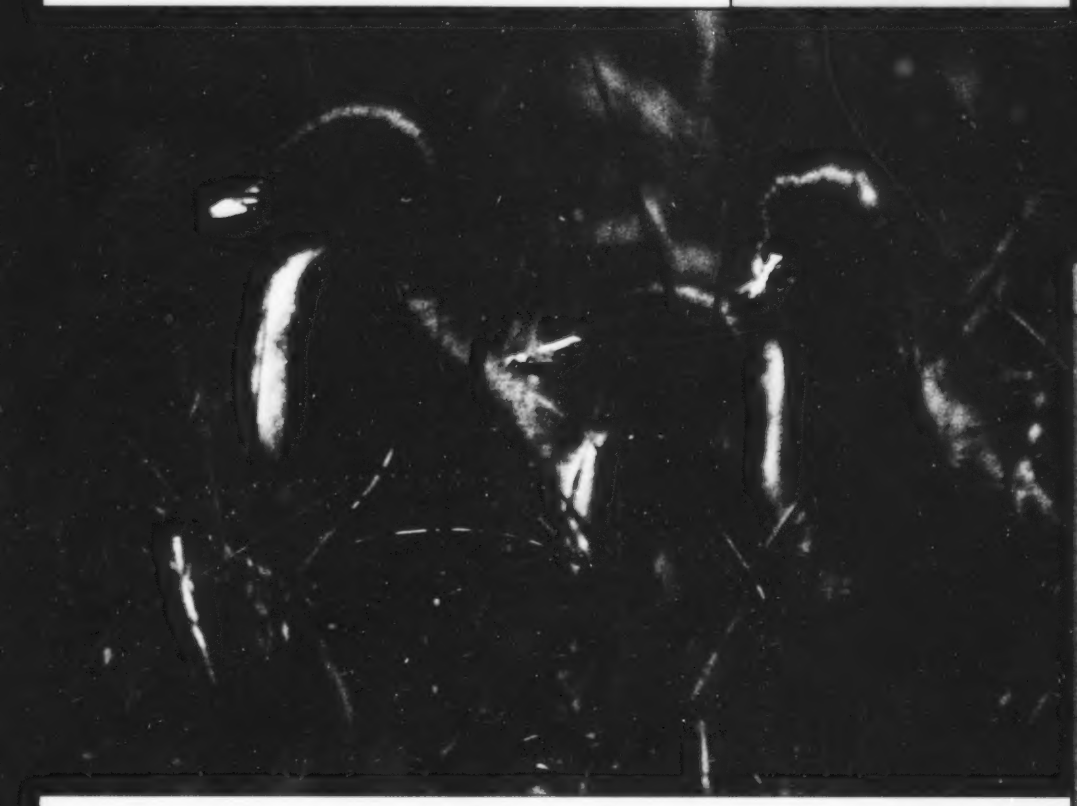


The fall seeded cereals program in partnership with Winter Cereals Canada involved 163 producers and 31,400 acres. This program was especially appreciated in the southeast corner of Saskatchewan where heavy rains prevented spring seeding in many areas. Ducks Unlimited's Institute for Wetland and Waterfowl Research (IWWR) evaluation of duck nesting in fall seeded versus spring seeded cereal crop was continued in 1999 through 12 landowners in the Chaplin South Landscape of the Missouri Coteau. There were 239 duck nests on 2,100 acres of fall seeded cereals compared to only six nests found on 1950 acres of spring seeded land.

Wetlands are secured through land purchase and are also retained as a condition of land management agreements. A total of 24,726 acres were secured at a cost of $187,100. Enhancement activities involved 834 acres at a cost of $221,900, while 115,135 acres were managed for $480,000.



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Funding for the program is provided through the Federal/Provincial Crop Damage Prevention Agreement on a 50-50 cost-share basis by the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan. In Saskatchewan, $374,000 was spent on waterfowl damage prevention during the year, half of which was provided by the provincial government.

The Crop Damage Compensation Program, delivered by the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation, compensates landowners for crop loss caused by feeding waterfowl. Approximately $4.2 million dollars was paid to Saskatchewan farmers in 1999/2000 to compensate for waterfowl damage.

NAWMP CONTRIBUTIONS IN SASKATCHEWAN BY MAJOR FUNDING SOURCE JANUARY 1, 1986 TO MARCH 31,2000

	1986-00		1999-00	
U.S. Contributors:				
Ducks Unlimited Inc.	27.6%	$37,490,082	31.0%	$4,600,277
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	32.6%	$44,283,237	47.6%	$7,050,885
U.S. State Funds	9.0%	$12,280,225	10.0%	$1,476,304
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Canadian Contributor				
Agriculture Canada	2.0%	$2,668,872	1.8%	$271,930
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- **Continue to deliver NAWMP programs in cooperation with our partners.**

The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) is an agreement among Canada, United States and Mexico to restore waterfowl populations to the levels of the 1970s, as well as improve habitat for other wetland dependent wildlife. It encourages and helps focus investment by wildlife conservation organizations from across the continent to critical habitat areas for migratory birds. Through the NAWMP, key waterfowl habitat in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba comprise the Prairie Habitat Joint Venture (PHJV), one of 12 habitat joint ventures in North America.

In Saskatchewan, the Wetland Conservation Corporation is responsible for coordinating the activities of the Plan and delivering the Prairie Shores Program. Ducks Unlimited delivers the Prairie Care Program, Large Wetlands Program and the Nest Structure Program. Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management and the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation deliver the Waterfowl Crop Damage Prevention and Compensation Program.

Since the Plan's inception in 1986 partners in Canada, United States and Mexico have invested in excess of 1.9 billion (U.S.) dollars to conserve over 2.7 million hectares of wetland ecosystems. In Canada, partners have conserved over 805,703 hectares of wetland, shoreline grassland and woodland habitat and in Saskatchewan 259,087 hectares have been secured through crown land transfers, leases, management agreements and purchases on large pastures and hayfields.

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Goal

- To encourage rural communities in Saskatchewan to broaden their economic base by developing new business through ecotourism.

- To help insure long-term conservation of Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network (WHSRN) sites in Mexico, United States and Canada by participating in the Linking Communities Program.

Objectives	Results
To assist in the development of ecotourism potential that exist in communities that are located in SWCC's program areas.	By working with the Corporation, Chaplin Lake has become a destination area for bird watchers, especially after its designation as a Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network Site (WHRSN) in 1997. This area is globally significant for several shorebird species that rest here during migration and many other breeding birds. A Nature Centre was constructed at the site and over 65,000 visitors have stopped to view the shorebirds over the past three years. This has been a boost to their local economy. Bird Studies Canada and the Canadian Nature Federation also recognized Chaplin Lake, Reed Lake and Old Wives Lake as Important Birding Areas which further enhanced their national standing as key birding areas. The Morse Tourism Committee recently announced plans to construct a highway turnout on the Trans-Canada Highway so that visitors can stop along Reed Lake to view the birding spectacle.
To encourage sustainable ecotourism as a tool for long-term habitat conservation at four WHSRN sites visited by shorebirds of the Central Flyway.	Distributed SWCC's shorebird book and poster, *Beyond Borders, Shorebirds of the Western Hemisphere*, to local community leaders and tour operators in Mexico, United States and Canada.
To promote youth education about shorebirds in three key areas of the Central Flyway in North America.	Facilitated linkages among elementary school teachers in Marismas Nacionales, Nayarit, Mexico, Ogden, Utah, United States, and Chaplin, Saskatchewan, Canada, to promote a better understanding of migratory bird needs among youth in North America.

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Photo credit: Grupo Ecológico Sierra Gorda IAP

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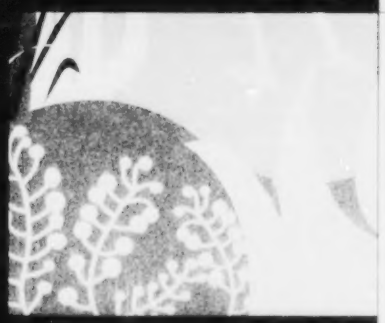
- Continue to work with rural communities along the migratory bird path in United States, Mexico and Canada.



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Finance and Human Services

SWCC maintains internal controls to safeguard the corporation's assets and ensure accurate and timely financial reporting. Staff manage accounting and financial data, prepare and monitor corporate budgets and fiscal forecasts, maintain inventory and manage cash flow.

The corporation produced monthly and annual financial reports for review and approval by the board of directors. SWCC also produced special reports for various provincial, national and international funding partners.

SWCC maintains the Saskatchewan database for the North America Waterfowl Management Plan National Reporting System (NRS). The system helps standardize the collection and reporting of NAWMP contributions and accomplishments. The NRS Steering Committee, set up in 1998-99 by the NAWMP Implementation Office, with participation of SWCC, received approval to implement numerous changes to update the national reporting system. Programming changes are underway to implement a web-based national tracking system(NTS). NTS will be operational in the next fiscal year.

The Corporation continues to implement its Employment Equity Plan.
Staff participated in aboriginal and cultural awareness training and working with community groups to build relationships.

Human resource management includes administering the employee performance review and employee compensation and benefits programs. Staff development in 1999-2000 included membership in professional organizations and participation in national and international workshops and conferences. Staff presented numerous papers and published several scientific papers:

Scientific Papers:

- Davis, S.K, D.C. Duncan, and M. Skeel.1999. Distribution and Habitat Associations of Three Endemic Grassland Songbirds in Southern Saskatchewan. Wilson Bulletin, 111:389-396.

- Davis, S.K. and D.C. Duncan. 1999. Grassland Songbird Occurrence in Native and Crested Wheatgrass Pastures of Southern Saskatchewan. Studies in Avian Biology, 19:211-218.

- Sutter, G.C., S. K. Davis, and D.C. Duncan. 2000. Grassland Songbird Abundance Along Roads and Trails in Southern Saskatchewan. Journal of Field Ornithology, 71:110-116.

Management's Responsibility For Financial Statements

To whom it may concern:

The accompanying financial statements of the Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation (SWCC) have been prepared by corporate management in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

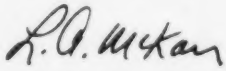
The corporation's independent auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, have examined the financial statements of the corporation. The scope of their examination, and their opinion in whether these financial statements present fairly the corporation's financial position and operating results, are given in the auditors' report.

Ensuring the integrity and objectivity of financial information is an integral part of management's responsibility to the ongoing operation. Management maintains an appropriate system of internal accounting controls, policies and procedures to provide assurance that all financial transactions are recorded on a timely bases with proper approvals, and result in reliable financial statements.

Financial information contained in the annual report has been derived from data provided by partner agencies and from SWCC's financial management information system. Financial information related directly to programming undertaken by SWCC or under management by SWCC, and contained in the program descriptions of SWCC's activities, is consistent with the information contained in the financial statements.

To assist the Board in meeting its responsibility, it has appointed a Finance and Audit Committee of the Board to review and approve corporate financial statements. The Committee meets periodically with management to review internal accounting controls, audit results and accounting principles and practices. Staff thank the members of the committee for their guidance and assistance during the year.

Robert J. Carles
General Manager



Linda McKay
Manager, Financial Services

Regina, Saskatchewan
April 27, 2000

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly
Province of Saskatchewan

We have audited the statement of financial position of Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation as at March 31, 2000 and the statements of revenue, expenditures and funds available for future operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the company as at March 31, 2000 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Price waterhouse Coopers LLP

Chartered Accountants

April 27, 2000
Regina, Saskatchewan

Statement of Financial Position

	March 31 2000 $	1999 $
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash	-	229,636
Accounts receivable	1,081,395	341,547
Prepaid expenses	11,531	9,760
	1,092,926	580,943
Capital assets, at cost (note 4)	5,363,851	5,375,199
Less: Accumulated depreciation	166,539	173,652
	5,197,312	5,201,547
	6,290,238	5,782,490
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Current liabilities		
Bank indebtedness	349,036	-
Accounts payable	287,048	135,621
Deferred revenue (note 6)	163,529	159,169
	799,613	294,790
Investment in capital assets	5,197,312	5,201,547
Funds available for future operations	293,313	286,153
	6,290,238	5,782,490

Approved by the Board _____ Director R G Ruggles Director

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Funds Available for Future operations

	Budget 2000	Year ended March 31	
	(unaudited - see note 10)	2000	1999
Revenue	$	$	$
Canadian			
Government of Saskatchewan			
- General Revenue Fund	528,200	**531,500**	505,000
- Fish and Wildlife Development Fund	132,480	**125,604**	52,328
Canadian Wildlife Service	290,440	**280,000**	507,000
Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration	489,414	**485,708**	103,243
Environment Canada	115,917	**130,051**	101,108
Agriculture Institute of Management in Saskatchewan Inc.	-	-	14,710
Millennium Bureau of Canada	229,000	**177,736**	-
Wildlife Habitat Canada	26,400	**26,400**	13,500
Other Canadian	295,590	**306,529**	197,001
United States			
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	153,500	**134,747**	173,237
United States - State	73,147	**43,441**	60,510
Unites States - Other	138,654	**100,379**	54,960
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	58,300	**58,094**	88,033
	2,531,042	**2,400,189**	1,870,630
Other income (note 5)	32,000	**33,578**	46,337
	2,563,042	**2,433,767**	1,916,967
Expenditures			
Program (Schedule 1)			
Agricultural services	121,280	**92,815**	88,304
Biological services	290,100	**278,324**	181,775
Communications and marketing	208,486	**239,318**	195,435
International programs	60,319	**62,546**	110,490
Prairie shores	260,301	**195,297**	215,020
Program co-ordination	322,000	**307,525**	326,165
Program development	75,000	**72,141**	76,294
Stewardship	817,892	**614,173**	329,572
	2,155,378	**1,862,139**	1,523,055
Other			
Capital asset acquisitions	5,000	**22,092**	5,526
Payments to delivering partners	402,664	**542,376**	382,988
	2,563,042	**2,426,607**	1,911,569
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	-	**7,160**	5,398
Funds available for future operations at beginning of year	286,153	**286,153**	280,755
Funds available for future operations at end of year	286,153	**293,313**	286,153

Statement of Cash Flows

	Year ended March 31	
	2000 $	1999 $
Cash provided by (used in) Operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	**7,160**	5,398
Net change in non-cash working capital items (note 7)	**(585,832)**	(56,306)
Decrease in cash during the year	**(578,672)**	(50,908)
Cash – Beginning of year	**229,636**	280,544
Cash (bank indebtedness) – End of year	**(349,036)**	229,636

Notes to Financial Statements
March 31, 2000

1 Incorporation and reporting of Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation

Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation was incorporated by Order-in-council December 21, 1989 under the Crown Corporations Act, 1978. The corporation's mandate under the incorporation Order-in-council is to co-ordinate the delivery of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan in Saskatchewan. The North American Waterfowl Management Plan was formally adopted on May 14, 1986 by the Federal Governments of Canada and the United States as a plan for conservation of internationally shared waterfowl resources.

Under the authority of Order-in-council No. 29/90 dated January 10, 1990, Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation holds responsibility to co-ordinate or account for the collection and disbursements of monies related to programs or activities undertaken in Saskatchewan pursuant to the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. These financial statements report only those monies designated to be collected and distributed through the accounts of the corporation.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

This summary of significant accounting policies provides a description of the accounting methods and practices that have been used in the preparation of these financial statements.

General principles
The corporation has adopted the accrual basis of accounting.

Capital assets
Capital asset acquisitions are expensed during the year of purchase. To maintain accountability for these capital assets, the cost, net of a charge for depreciation, is reflected on the statement of financial position as an asset with an offsetting equity balance. Charges for depreciation are based on the declining-balance method at rates ranging from 20% to 30%.

Donated property is recorded at fair value when the fair value can be reasonably determined. When an estimate of fair value can not reasonably be made, the capital asset is recorded at nominal value.

3 Related party transaction

Included in these financial statements are transactions with various Saskatchewan Crown corporations, departments, agencies, boards and commissions related to the Corporation by virtue of common control by the Government of Saskatchewan and non-Crown corporations and enterprises subject to joint control and significant influence by the Government of Saskatchewan (collectively referred to as "related parties").

Routine operating transactions with related parties are settled at prevailing market prices under normal trade terms. These transactions and amounts outstanding at year end, are as follows:

	2000 $	1999 $
Revenue	658,218	566,421
Expenses	181,174	159,720
Accounts receivable	59,300	7,142
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	14,647	4,124
Deferred revenue	71,801	23,701

Other amounts and transactions due to and from related parties and the terms of settlement are described separately in these financial statements and the notes thereto.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2000

4 CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost $	Accumulated amortization $	2000 Net $	1999 Net $
Land	6,000	-	6,000	6,000
Donated land and transfers	5,141,589	-	5,141,589	5,141,589
Equipment and furniture	57,798	41,713	16,085	19,669
ATV and trailers	63,533	58,271	5,262	7,518
Computer equipment	94,041	66,555	27,486	25,881
Artwork	890	-	890	890
	5,363,851	166,539	5,197,312	5,201,547

5 OTHER INCOME

Other income is comprised as follows:

	2000 $	1999 $
Interest earned	8,869	22,776
Miscellaneous revenues including exchange gain	3,702	2,375
Crown land fees and permits	21,007	21,186
	33,578	46,337

6 DEFERRED REVENUE

At year-end, the Corporation has received funding for various projects but has not yet completed the projects. Revenue deferred to cover expenditures associated with those projects has been received from the following organizations:

	2000 $	1999 $
TransCanada Pipeline	71,159	112,319
Saskatchewan Environment Resource Management	55,000	-
Fish and Wildlife Development fund	12,877	23,701
Other	24,493	23,149
	163,529	159,169

7 NET CHANGE IN NON-CASH WORKING CAPITAL ITEMS

	2000 $	1999 $
Accounts receivable	(739,848)	(160,451)
Prepaid expenses	(1,771)	(6,411)
Accounts payable	151,427	66,289
Deferred revenue	4,360	44,267
	(585,832)	(56,306)

Notes to Financial Statements
March 31, 2000

8 Financial instruments

The Corporation's recognized financial instruments consist of bank indebtedness, accounts receivable and accounts payable. Due to the short term nature of these instruments, their fair value approximates their carrying value.

9 Uncertainty due to the Year 2000 Issue

The Year 2000 Issue arises because many computerized systems use two digits rather than four to identify a year. Date-sensitive systems may recognize the year 2000 as 1900 or some other date, resulting in errors when information using year 2000 dates is processed. In addition, similar problems may arise in some systems which use certain dates in 1999 to represent something other than a date. Although the change in date has occurred, it is not possible to conclude that all aspects of the Year 2000 Issue that may affect the entity, including those related to customers, suppliers, or other third parties, have been fully resolved.

10 Budget figures

The budget figures are presented for comparison purposes, are unaudited, and are those as approved by the Board, reclassified to conform with the presentation of these financial statements.

Schedule 1- Program Expenditures

	Departments								Year ended March 31	
	Agricultural services	Biological services	Communication & marketing	International programs	Prairie shores	Program co-ordination	Program development	Stewardship	2000	1999
Contractual services	$ 3,775	$ 38,471	$ 34,289	$ 128	$ 4,705	$ 15,491	$ 50	$ 113,084	$ 209,993	$ 274,292
Field supplies	1,301	31,714	1,968	1,452	14,498	2,150	-	73,465	126,548	87,780
General expenses	25,969	5,741	60,175	8,286	58,026	29,928	554	62,627	251,306	140,128
Office expenses	11,194	11,833	18,319	2,106	4,328	50,128	1,640	14,868	114,416	99,261
Salaries and benefits	43,449	175,084	112,064	45,456	106,500	187,877	69,136	326,308	1,065,874	833,233
Travel and other staff costs	7,127	15,481	12,503	5,118	7,240	21,951	761	23,821	94,002	88,361
	$ 92,815	$ 278,324	$ 239,318	$ 62,546	$ 195,297	$ 307,525	$ 72,141	$ 614,173	$1,862,139	$1,523,055

In Appreciation

We gratefully acknowledge the commitment to wildlife conservation and sustainable land management of organizations and individuals contributing more than $1,000 in funds and/or services-in-kind to the Corporation's programming during 1999/2000.

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Pheasants Forever Inc.(U. S.)
Agriculture Institute Management in Saskatchewan Inc. (AIMS)
Agri-Food Innovation Fund
Alberta NAWMP Biodiversity Fund
Canada Trust Friends of the Environment Foundation
Canadian Federation of Agriculture
California Waterfowl Association
Canadian Wildlife Foundation
Canadian Wildlife Service
Cooperation, Commission for Environmental Cooperation
Ducks Unlimited Canada
Environment Canada, ECOACTION 2000
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (U.S.)
National Soil and Water Conservation
Nature Conservancy of Canada
Nature Saskatchewan
North American Fund for Environmental Cooperation
North American Waterfowl and Wetlands Office
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Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food
Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management
Saskatchewan Fish and Wildlife Development Fund
Saskatchewan Grazing and Pasture Technology Program
Sask Power
SaskPower Shand Greenhouse
Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation
The Nature Conservancy (U.S.)
TransCanada PipeLines
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
United States Department of Interior
United States Geological Service
University of Saskatchewan
State of Nebraska
State of Wyoming
Wetlands International- The Americas
Wildlife Habitat Canada
Wildlife Habitat Canada (U.S.)